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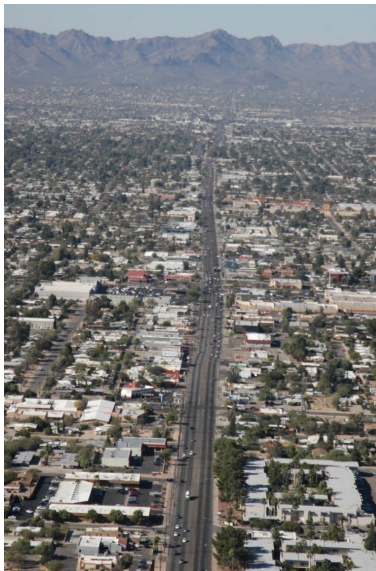
Tucson First

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Grant Road Improvement Project



Last week, Amy, Alison and I attended the Citizen Task Force (CTF) meeting for the Grant Road project. The corridor extends from Oracle east to Swan. It touches several Ward 6 areas. We'll be fully engaged as the public process now resumes.

The purpose of the meeting was to reconvene the CTF and get their approval for direction in a few areas that'll guide how this RTA project moves ahead. Those included:

- a) recommending that M&C adopt what will be a 'corridor vision' that'll be finalized between now and June;
- b) recommending that the design process continue in a phased approach that will include developing and implementing a series of planning and zoning tools;
- c) and agreeing to stay intact for another couple of years, meeting both as a whole and in subcommittees along the way.

They agreed to each of those, with the caveat that 'c' needs some more detail.

Back in 2011, the CTF had a 'corridor vision' in place. That's a statement describing what sorts of amenities and land uses the community would like to see on and adjacent to this stretch of Grant. The feeling is that we moved forward into trying



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department
911 or nonemergency
791-4444

Water Issues
791-4133
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

Abandoned Shopping Carts
791-3171

Neighborhood Resources
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222

Environmental Services
791-3171

Park Wise
791-5071

Planning and Development Services
791-5550

Pima County Animal Control
243-5900

Pima County Vector Control
Cockroach: 443-6501
Mosquito: 740-2760

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to implement the planning and zoning tools in too large a chunk, too quickly, so the vision statement got lost in the more nuts and bolts discussions surrounding massing, scale, land uses and overlays. I believe the vote by the CTF last week to return to the vision, get M&C buy in to that, and then move ahead to the planning and zoning phase makes sense. They're separate issues and deserve separate consideration.

The formation of the newly constituted corridor vision will include public meetings between now and May, before it comes to M&C for adoption. I'll make sure to include as much notice as I can about when those opportunities for public input will take place. This will not be a case where in the last week before we vote on it anybody will be able to say they weren't given a chance to be heard.

Once the vision is adopted by M&C, the more detailed design and land use process will kick into gear. The idea is to begin at the west end of the corridor, flip over to the east end next, and finish with the middle segment that includes the Campbell to Palo Verde area. There's approximately \$83M of project work left to do. The current plan is to do the west end by about 2017, the Swan area by 2019, and the middle segments beginning in about 2021. The land use discussions with stakeholders will roughly follow that sequencing, too.

Also continuing is the roadway design portion of the project. It's during this process that property owners are approached and discussions take place about acquisitions, relocations, and how to preserve those businesses and homes that can and want to stay in place. This is where a large part of the budget value engineering will occur. Similar to how it will eventually evolve on Broadway, if we find that too much of the project budget will be chewed up just buying property, some redesign work will have to be done.

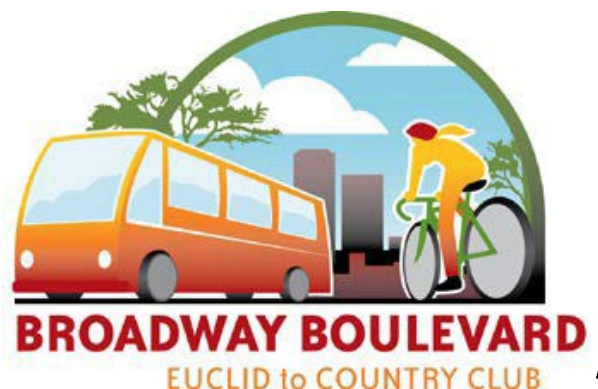
One more layer: the repaving work for what is generally the middle segment will begin this month and will be done before the summer monsoon hits. Anybody who has travelled Grant knows that this segment of the roadway cannot wait to be repaved until the 2021 start time for the construction project.

This CTF has been meeting and doing alignment planning literally for years. Staff has put in a ton of time as well. All who have been involved in this project deserve thanks from the entire community. It's good to see the planning back on track now.

Broadway Improvement Project

Note the image of a bus in the logo at right. I'll return to that.

The public interest in this project really began in earnest after our April 30, 2012 rally at the church on Campbell and Broadway. It was then that a group, now called the Broadway Coalition, began its formation. Lest anybody think it's just a small group of people



who live along the two-mile stretch this project covers, recall that multiple neighborhoods from all over town signed on and were present at that rally. Here's a list:

Colonia Solana	Iron Horse
Armory Park	Jefferson Park
Arroyo Chico	Udall Park
Broadmoor-Broadway	Menlo Park
Barrio San Antonio	Miles
Catalina Vista	Pie Allen
Dunbar Springs	Poets Square
El Encanto	Rincon Heights
Elvira	Sam Hughes
Fairgrounds	Santa Rita Park - West Ochoa
Feldman's	West University

The level of interest has continued up through last week's resumption of the CTF meetings.

This is from the current PAG 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program listing:

Broadway Blvd. - Euclid to Country Club

Euclid to Country Club
Widen to 6 lanes plus bus lanes
Project # - RTA-17
Length - 1.5 miles
Existing lanes - 5
After lanes - 6
Total Cost = \$74,761,000

Keep in mind a couple of those items as you read on. First, the project is still described as 8 lanes ('6 lanes plus bus lanes') and the cost has increased by \$3M over what it has been up until now. The City is the Lead Agency and so any cost overruns are on our dime. It's also clear that in PAG lingo, a 'lane' is considered a travel lane (for cars) unless otherwise designated. Yes, I've asked that M&C as well as the CTF be updated on why this information appears as it does.

Okay, on with a review of last week's Broadway CTF meeting.

As is true with the Grant Road CTF, the members of the Broadway Task Force have put in a ton of time and effort getting us to where we are. They're also deserving of thanks for their work. On Thursday of last week, they met for the first time since the M&C had voted to approve the "6 lane, including transit" majority proposal. The meeting agenda for last week's CTF meeting was pretty straightforward; look at some of the minor changes staff had made to that proposed alignment and vote to pass it onto M&C for our approval. It didn't get done.

It's key that we get an alignment approved as soon as we see one that makes sense. The investment along the corridor is virtually nil while this process drags on. Businesses and other private property owners deserve to know their fate, and until there is an approved align-



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John
McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff
Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman
Martha McSally (R)
(2nd District)
(202) 225-2542

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Doug
Ducey (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
628-6580

Mayor Jonathan
Rothschild
791-4201

ZoomTucson Map
[http://
maps.tucsonaz.gov/
/zoomTucson/](http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/)

ment, our Real Estate people can't begin talking with any of them about the options they'll have. It's important to understand that those options include strategies for staying afloat, even if the roadway runs closer to their property lines. Those options will include things such as shared ingress/egress/parking arrangements. Without the alignment, those discussions cannot begin.

The concerns that were aired last week stemmed from an apparent change in wording from what the CTF and M&C approved (6 lanes, including transit) to what was appearing in RTA press releases. The wording in the releases made it clear that there's no intention of dedicating lanes to transit; what is being approved and funded is 6 travel lanes. I shared this same issue in a recent newsletter, but it was never explained. It still wasn't satisfactorily last week.

Here's the language of the press release that got peoples' attention:

RTA Board OKs city recommendation to widen Broadway to six lanes. The Regional Transportation Authority Board today approved \$1.5 million in funding for the City of Tucson to proceed with the roadway corridor design to widen Broadway Boulevard, from Euclid Avenue to Country Club Road, from four travel lanes to six lanes, with bus pullouts, bike lanes and sidewalks.

The language came from the RTA agenda item they voted on back in December. Here's that text:

SUBJECT: Broadway Boulevard Update; Administrative Code Revisions and IGA Amendment #4

RTA Board Dec. 11, 2014 Discussion/Action 7

REQUESTED ACTION/SUGGESTED MOTION

Staff recommends approval of IGA Amendment #4 and direction to amend the RTA Administrative Code to: a) revise the project scope of RTA #17, Broadway Boulevard, Euclid to Country Club, from 6 travel lanes plus two dedicated bus lanes to 6 travel lanes plus bus pullouts, where appropriate to meet project functionality; and, b) include the requirement that project costs previously reimbursed by the RTA be repaid to the RTA, should a project be cancelled by the Lead Agency.

Before they sent us a proposed alignment last fall, the CTF debate was over when to dedicate the two new lanes to transit. It wasn't over adding bus pullouts. It's more than a nuanced difference, and it caused Thursday's meeting to go south.

The CTF was being asked to move the 6-Lane Including Transit Baseline Refined alignment forward to M&C. But if the RTA has decided to exclude the option of dedicated transit lanes, the description of what they were being asked to vote on was inaccurate. Some of the CTF members, correctly indicating that they owed it to the public to be accurate in what was being sent to M&C, insisted that both the logo showing a bus be changed (remove the image of the bus) and the words "including transit" be removed from what they were being asked to vote on.

I often circle back to the issue of trust in these newsletters. This is one more of those

times. To date, there has been no explanation given to the CTF why both their vote, and the one M&C took had been altered by the RTA to eliminate any talk of dedicating two lanes to transit (set aside the issue of when that would occur). Several of the CTF members feel they've been manipulated and 'played.' Their motion to change the logo and wording was an effort to at least make the record clear. Since they own the outcome of the vote, they had that right. The vote never happened. They'll resume this exchange when they meet on Thursday, 3/26.

The reality is that we need to establish an alignment, and we need to do it as soon as possible. The issue of dedicating transit lanes prevented any meaningful discussion on that topic. Staff showed the minor tweaks they had made to the proposed alignment M&C approved last fall, but those changes were not perceived by many in the room to have been meaningful enough to *trust* more would be coming once engineering began in earnest. So how do we break the log jam and move this process forward?

On Friday of last week I shared some suggestions with staff. They were suggestions. I cannot compel their agreement, but it's my feeling the ideas form the basis for moving us back to forward motion. The Southern Arizona Transit Advocates have presented what they believe to be a good working baseline alignment. Members of SATA are also on our Transit Task Force, so with that crossover of membership, the group has some street cred. Some members of the Broadway Task Force wanted that to be the starting point. Others on the CTF felt the staff proposed 'refined' alignment should be the baseline. I suggested that staff lay them both out on a table side by side, and see how they could be blended, taking portions of each, and keeping as the guiding principle that the goal is preservation of the existing built environment.

Most importantly is that the CTF buy into and agree on that as a way forward. They are the group who has standing to make the call. Neither I, nor staff should dictate how we get back on track. We cannot afford to propose an alignment that chews up a significant portion of the budget in property acquisition and demolition. That removes the tax base we need to fund the work, it eliminates peoples' businesses and homes, and it ruins the symmetry and sense of place that exists along the corridor. If we had traffic issues that demanded such an



alignment, then sure. But we don't, and so, paraphrasing the Pima County Administrator from a year ago, there's no reason to build something that wastes money.

The original project budget was \$71M. Now it's \$74M. The City has to pick up any cost overruns. As the sign says, the budget is tight. Not only that, but it can't be blown.

The next meeting is 5:30 this Thursday. It'll again be at 1200 N. Campbell – Our Savior's Lutheran Church. I'm hopeful things go better this time than we saw last week. We need an alignment – one that makes sense.

Our Family Services

After that, talking about a 'safe place' seems in order.

The National Safe Place Network brings together businesses and others to provide an immediate place of refuge for teens who face abusive or other crisis situations. You've seen the logo at libraries and some of our fire stations. Now Our Family is joining the network.



The fit is totally appropriate. I've worked with Our Family's Community Dialogue group on several sex trafficking forums, and we had them help the Military, Community Relations Committee in its effort to refocus its mission. The other side of Our Family is where they do things more related to the Safe Place goals. Those include brief stay and emergency shelters, case management, counseling for at-risk teens, and street outreach. The addition of Safe Place makes sense.

Joining the Network comes with no funding support. They're required to provide annual training, provide materials in support of the program, and do community outreach to spread the word the program exists at their facility. If you can help out, please reach out to Patti Caldwell at 323.1708 (x413) or pcaldwell@ourfamilyservices.org. The needs far exceed the government's ability to financially subsidize the effort. I hope you can help out. Our Family is located in Ward 6 at 2590 N. Alvernon.

Spring to Life



Working together towards sustainable solutions

Just down the street from Our Family is another of our valued Ward 6 partners. This coming Saturday, WMG is hosting an open house at their 1137 N. Dodge living lab and learning center. Just in time for spring, this event will be a way for their staff to show off the progress they've made transforming their building and surrounding space. Located in the heart of Palo Verde neighborhood, WMG is one of the very welcomed non-single family residents to the neighborhood.

They'll have some light refreshments, so if you can give them a head's up that you'll be going, I'm sure Lisa and the gang would appreciate it so they can plan on crowd size. One of the goals of the Saturday event is to introduce you to their long-term mission for the site. Here's a rendering:



DAVID E. SHAMMACH, ARCHITECT, INC.

The event runs from 5pm until 7pm. Call ahead at 396.3266 (x16) or you can go to their website at watershedmg.org/spring-to-life.

Postseason Prep



(Photo by Arizona Athletics)

It's hard to argue we wouldn't have been in a world of hurt had it not been for the performance of Gabe York. Thankfully, he'll be back next year. And thankfully, the whole team is advancing into the next round of play.

With the UA basketball team advancing to the Sweet Sixteen this week, it's important to remind your fellow partiers that Arizona has been here before, we know how to win, and the community can do it with some class. The police response to partying will be different than it was last March – so lessons have been learned all around and we can look forward to a better result.

At our last call to the audience, a question was raised as to what preparations the City has made to be ready for this year's NCAA tournament. I've been at meetings in which TPD has reviewed this year's protocols with 4th Avenue merchants and neighborhood groups. The City has been working with UAPD, PCSO and DPS, as well

as conducting meetings with the Main Gate, 4th Avenue and downtown merchants communicating how the celebration response will be conducted. These protocols will begin this week. Last week, the City Manager sent out an advisory indicating the post-season preparations have included the following:

- Implemented all of the recommendations of last years Elite 8 Board of Inquiry.
- Sent commanders to last year's Final Four cities (Florida, UCONN, Wisconsin and Kentucky) to observe operations and review best practices.
- Implemented a complete shift in philosophy modeled after the Entertainment Venue Team concept in use by major cities with large entertainment and nightlife districts. This concept centers on highly visible, engaged, inclusive and approachable officer presence that encourages and supports lawful celebration.
- Sent commanders to the Responsible Hospitality Institutes summit on policing nightlife districts.
- Trained all commissioned personnel in crowd control issues and tactics.
- Trained over 600 personnel in live crowd control tactics and best practices.
- Held standing weekly meetings since November to discuss and fine tune our response.
- Met with and worked closely with FAMA (Fourth Avenue Merchants Association), Marshall Foundation, Downtown Merchants Association.
- Engaged in dozens of hours of face-to-face outreach to the businesses in the University, 4th Ave. and Downtown business districts.
- Have worked closely with UA Communications on the media plan and the "Bear Down with Pride" campaign.

The most evident change will flow from bullet point #3, above. It's too bad we have to spend taxpayer money gearing up like this, but we do, so we did. It'd be much appreciated if you'd assist in passing the UA media message, "Bear Down with Pride." Celebrate responsibly.

Pima County Bond Package

There has been a fair amount of coverage of the possible Bond package the Board of Supervisors should soon be voting on. That vote will simply be whether or not to place a Bond question on this year's ballot. Since it's a regional package, it takes a majority vote from the Supes to put it to the voters. I get a pretty regular flow of input on it (both positive and against) as well as just general questions as to what'll be in the package. Here's what I know – and where I'll be advocating.

The package will likely be broken down into its component parts, offering voters the chance to pick from a menu of areas. Right now the total package is \$653M. It's broken down into these parts (dollar amounts estimated):

- Libraries and Community Facilities - \$35M
- Museums and Tourism - \$108M
- Historic, Cultural and Natural Area Conservation - \$114M
- Parks & Recreation - \$185M
- Neighborhood Reinvestment and Affordable Housing - \$89M
- Flood Control - \$10M
- Job Growth, Education and Workforce Training - \$110M

The Supes can place the whole package on the ballot, mix and match what you see above, place parts of it on the ballot, or none of it. It's their call. If you'd like to see the specific projects that are included in each of those categories, you can by simply Googling Pima County Bond Election. There's a link.

I was correctly quoted in last Saturday's paper as having stated I didn't like the process by which we arrived at what's included in the package. But we're where we are, and the decision as to whether or not we move ahead is based on what's included, not how it got there. I do have other concerns that were edited out of the Star article. Those relate to the Inter-governmental Agreements we'll be relying on to fund and manage each of the projects.

All I have to go on is the terms that ended up in prior Agreements, based on how those IGAs were negotiated in the past. I've read through two of them from the 2004 Bond election and the objectionable language is about the same in both. There's a lot of County management and oversight of how the City runs its projects. I understand the fiduciary spot the County is in, so while I get that, some of the reporting and oversight language seems rather heavy-handed and unnecessary. But that's not a deal stopper.

In both of the IGAs I've reviewed (Wakefield Neighborhood Reinvestment and Lincoln Park Softball Field Improvements), the City is required to fork over any sales and use taxes we charge in support of the projects to the County. It's called the City's "contribution to the Project." *Our 'contribution' is the property taxes you pay to support the projects that are built in the City. Any sales taxes we collect as a part of the projects belongs in our General Fund.* For me, unless that language is changed, it is a deal breaker.

The other problematic language that appears in both of those IGAs involves how long the City is required to "operate and maintain" the project. Instead of tying that obligation to either the life of the Bond or the useful life of the asset, we're locked in for 25 years fol-

lowing completion of the project. Certainly there's more flexible and realistic language we can devise than that.

When we voted to support our parts of the Bond package at a recent study session, I made it clear that my support was contingent on our coming up with acceptable terms and conditions of the IGAs related to each of the City projects. I've only read those two 2004 IGAs, so don't know if there's other language I'd want to see changed, but since that part of my position wasn't included in last weekend's article, I wanted to make it clear here.

The Bond package contains a lot of very important projects. The Board of Supervisors will be weighing whether the timing is right to place it on the ballot, how to divide up the projects, and possibly whether or not to add new ones. All of that's great, but if we're signing on to paying our sales taxes back to the County and agreeing to maintain the assets beyond their useful life, I won't be in support.

Ripple Effect of Gun Violence



Over the weekend I spent time on the phone with Colin Goddard (Everytown for Gun Safety) and Jocelyn Strauss (Mom's Demand Action) on the issue of how we combat the five gun-related bills that appear to be headed to the Arizona Governor's desk. Those include one that allows guns in public buildings and events unless the jurisdiction pays for metal detectors at every entry; one that's aimed at eliminating our requirement of background checks at the TCC; another that has Arizona joining a multi-State compact such that unless all members of the compact agree, the State cannot pass laws more stringent than what is allowed by the Feds; one that allows sawed off shotguns and other currently illegal weapons; and of course the one that is intended to chill any further talk about gun safety by holding guys like me financially liable if we engage in such shenanigans. Word is that the Governor doesn't want a pile of these bills, but only one. Word is further that the one he wants is the last one since it would effectively repeal all of what we have placed on the books and close off any more conversation.

As I told Colin, Jocelyn and Barb Grijalva from Channel 4, bring it.

There's a forum being held this weekend at the Jewish Community Center (3939 N. Alvernon) to address how gun violence impacts people directly, but also has a ripple effect on their families, friends and the broader community. They'll discuss both the social and financial costs. Here's an excerpt from one of their promotional pieces:

In 2010 the cost of U.S. gun violence in work lost, medical and mental health care, insurance, criminal-justice expenses, pain and suffering amounted to as much as \$174 billion (Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation).

This amount exceeded the combined 2013 allocations for the US Departments of Education, HUD, and Homeland Security.

The Sunday panel will include Rabbi Thomas Louchheim, Susi Huhn (CEO from Casa de

los Ninos), TPD Deputy Chief John Leavitt, State Rep. Randy Friese, Mel Eisenberg representing responsible gun ownership, and Daniel Hernandez, one of the January 8th survivors. It should be an informative discussion.

The forum will run from 2pm until 4pm. It's free and open to the public. You can call them for more information at 512.8500, or go to their website at www.orchadash-tucson.org.

State Budget

I circle back to this pretty much weekly and will continue to do so until the Governor signs on and it's a done deal. In past weeks, I've referred to what we're seeing in education as budget-cutting. I think it's more accurate to call it 'disinvestment' in our public education system. That's both at the K-12 and higher education levels.

Back in 2000, the voters told the Legislature that they had to keep K-12 funding whole with inflation. The Legislature decided that it wasn't necessary to comply with the will of the voters and simply stopped providing those funding increases. Last year, the Court told the State that it didn't have that authority. Now there's approximately \$1B in litigation over the intentional disinvestment in K-12 by this Legislature. Based on 2012 data, Arizona ranks 48th in per-student spending.

With respect to higher education, the disinvestment this year alone was \$100M. In 2005, the three State Universities received \$130M more than they do under the currently proposed budget. Since 1995, full time enrollment has increased by 70%. Funding is being slashed, enrollment is increasing – the predictable result is that now in-State tuition exceeds \$10K annually. That, in a State in which our Constitution says higher education is to be "as nearly free as possible."

I had an exchange with a reporter over the weekend on an issue I've been trying to get out into the public realm for a healthy and open debate. My point was that without public pressure, electeds won't engage in out-of-the-box thinking. The same is true with this State budget. If you disagree with the priorities it reflects (or if you agree with them) you've got to let the people up in Phoenix know. Otherwise:



And in closing,

Moving through the State Legislature is a Bill that will prevent us from adopting any local Ordinances that protect any vegetation that's protected by State law. It allows clear-cutting of parcels and says local governments cannot step in and adopt regulations that speak to salvaging "plants, trees or other vegetation species" if the property owner simply files a "notice of intent to clear land" with the State.

The Bill is HB2570. It's totally preemptive of local decision making, and it's another example of the need for letting the people up there know if you've got feelings on it.



Sincerely,

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Council Member, Ward 6
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Events and Entertainment

What's going on in Ward 6 and Tucson...

Spring Artisans Market

Tucson Museum Of Art, 140 North Main Avenue

Friday, March 27 – Sunday, March 21, 2015, 10 am – 5 pm

More than 100 of the Southwest's best artisans set up shop in the Museum's courtyards to exhibit and sell their work. Find that unique gift for yourself or someone special. Enjoy food, live music, children's activities, and more! This is a fun-filled experience for the entire family. Free admission to Market & Museum.

www.tucsonmuseumofart.org/events/artisans-market/

Garden District Community-Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, March 28, 2015, starting at 7 am

Multiple households will be participating in the Garden District's community-wide yard sale between Speedway and Grant, Alvernon to Swan. There will also be multiple sellers at the parking lot of NEW2YOU Thrift Shop at 4034 E. Grant. Watch for signs at major intersections and residential streets to locate the participants.

For a map and more information, please check out our neighborhood website at www.thegardendistrict.org or call Lois Pawlak at 325-7611.

Tucson Porch Fest in Blenman-Elm

Start at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2331 East Adams Street

Sunday, March 29, 2015, 4pm – 7 pm

Front porches in Ward 6's Blenman-Elm Neighborhood will come alive with free live music, art exhibitions, a bike tour, and food trucks at the next Tucson Porch Fest. Bike Fest Tucson and Bookmans Entertainment Exchange will be sponsoring a bike valet next to the Tucson Food Truck Roundup at Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Visit www.facebook.com/tucsonporchfest for more information and a map of the festivities.

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hssaz.org/fix



CÉSAR CHÁVEZ DAY OF SERVICE - MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015
ARIZONA CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ HOLIDAY COALITION

Ongoing

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St

<http://hotelcongress.com>

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd

www.loftcinema.com

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St

<http://www.rialtotheatre.com/>

The Rogue Theatre at The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd

<http://www.theroguetheatre.org/main.htm>

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd

February 7, 2015– January 31 2016, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

'Meet the Trilobites - Arizona's First Inhabitants' - Long before the dinosaurs ruled the earth, the trilobites ruled the seas. Ancient relatives of lobsters and horseshoe crabs, trilobites flourished in the warm seas that covered much of Arizona millions of years ago. *Meet the Trilobites – Arizona's First Inhabitants*, the new exhibit at the Flandrau Science Center and Planetarium, features world-class trilobite fossils from around the globe. Come travel back in time and discover the wondrous world of trilobites!

<http://www.uamineralmuseum.org/>

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

Tuesday – Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

<http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org>

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave

<http://www.arizonatheatre.org/>

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave

www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St (north entrance on Toole)

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way

<http://www.tucsonbotanical.org>

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd

November 9, 2013, through July 2015, "Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios."

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu